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Halifax Regional Library

The Halifax North Memorial Public Library hosted a celebration filled with programs, guests and special events throughout February in honour of African Heritage Month. Now in its sixteenth year, African Heritage Month has grown to include programs held in schools, community halls, museums, cultural centres and libraries, province-wide. Here is just a small sample of the many events held this year at Halifax Regional Library locations.

African Heritage Month Youth Day

Young people from the Halifax area had a extra reason to rejoice on their day off school with an action-packed In-service Day scheduled at the Halifax North Public Library on February 11. Sponsored by the Black History

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Month Association, Community YMCA, the George Dixon Centre, the PBBA (Provincial Black Basketball Association), Halifax Regional Library and others – African Heritage Month Youth Day was filled with great activities and highlighted with a special visit from the award-winning author, Tololwa Mollel.

Originally from Tanzania, Mollel has taken stories from a rich oral tradition and written many successful books. Most recently, his book *My Rows and Piles of Coins* was named a Coretta Scott King Honour Book of the Year. Mollel thrilled the packed room of children with his reading of *Rhinos for Lunch and Elephants for Supper!* bringing the Maasai tale to life.

Award-winning author **Tololwa Mollel** (left) and **Marcus James** (right), Halifax North Memorial Public Library, Youth Worker.

Tololwa Mollel dances his way through the crowd, getting to know the young audience at the Halifax North Library's Youth Day event.

African Heritage Month Youth Quiz 2000
The 2000 African Heritage Month Youth quiz championship was held February 15. The "Reach for the Top"-style quiz highlights Black history and culture. For the first time B. C. Silver of Dartmouth and Graham Creighton junior high schools participated in the quiz. B.C. Silver Junior High School took the championship home to the community of Spryfield. The African Heritage Month quiz has become a popular event with local schools and is held in library branches in both Halifax and Dartmouth.

George Elliott Clarke visits Dartmouth North Public Library
Windsor born author George Elliott Clarke was in Halifax for the opening of the Eastern Front Theatre production based on his book of poetry, *Whylah Falls*. He visited the Dartmouth North Public Library to meet with an English class from St. Pat's High School.

George Elliott Clarke captivated the audience of energetic students as he read from Whylah Falls and from his latest collection, *Beatrice Chancy*.

Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

The year 2000 marks the 50th anniversary for the Cape Breton Regional Library. There is an open house in Ingonish on March 4 to celebrate both the expansion of the Victoria North Branch Library and the 50th Anniversary. Other celebrations are being planned, including the main celebrations in Sydney on October 1, 2000. Mark your calendars!

For the first time CBRL had a booth at the pre-natal fair run by Public Health. The fairs are offered every 2 months and are well attended. The booth was well received by all, and the library has been invited to be a permanent participant.

Eastern Counties Regional Library

Eastern Counties Regional Library has shut down its bookmobile service in January 2000. For the last few years, the library has been concerned about its aging bookmobiles and their increasing unreliability. Decreasing circulation was also a concern. A complete review of the service was conducted two years ago and modifications made to better reflect current lifestyles, to gain new membership and reinvigorate the service. Some headway was being made when serious mechanical failure forced the library to take its buses off the road.

Bookmobile service will be missed by both patrons and staff. The bookmobiles were a visible library presence in our communities, a meeting place for avid readers and an effective way to bring library collections out to rural patrons. Many persons in our communities, as children, chose their first reading materials on one of our bookmobiles. Without the bookmobile, the library is facing the challenge of how to bring the library to its patrons when distances prohibit patrons from coming to the library. Library staff have been visiting the small communities of Inverness, Richmond and Guysborough counties and what has been remarkable has been people's support of the library and their willingness to adapt to new means of service delivery.

The main concern expressed has been that, in spite of limited budgets, some library service is maintained. Working with the schools, local CAP committees and other community organizations, the library is hoping to set up travelling library services and satellite branches. The availability of the library catalogue and of request forms on the Web is a major asset for distance services. Our staff in the field will be facilitating access to our on-line services. Although this is a difficult period for the library and will immediately render more difficult the circulation of materials in our largely rural region, it is not possible with current funding to even consider purchasing a new vehicle. Our energies are going into the creation of alternate services and we are optimistic that our patrons will follow us down this new road.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

Genealogy and Local History on the Web

PARL has begun a long term digitization program to promote genealogy and local history. It can be seen at www.parl.ns.ca/genealogy.html. Fred Popowich just revised his guide to **Genealogy Internet Resources** and its at http://www.parl.ns.ca/new.html in the Library Pathfinder list in pdf format. There are a number of other useful pathfinders at that URL including Careers and Astronomy, and new ones are being added all the time.

Pictou-Antigonish CAP (Community Access Program) News
River John CAP, located in the River John Library, has received a $35,000 HRDC (Human Resources Development Canada) grant to hire a person for one year to complete a user needs study for the proposed new Library/CAP site. The position has been awarded to Linda Little of River John.

A $25,000 grant has been awarded for a secondary project. This project has three main thrusts. It will offer an opportunity for the villages of River John and Tatamagouche to survey their communities to see how CAP can be most useful to the people of the region. The surveys will be directed at individuals, volunteer groups, and at businesses and will highlight the needs and the assets of the community. Secondly, the River John CAP will use its experience to help establish a CAP committee in Pictou and share its resources with developing committees throughout the county. River John will look at possible future directions for north shore CAP sites and take the initial steps necessary in bringing people together to discuss options and opportunities.

Three new Community Access Project sites were awarded to PARL Libraries: Trenton, New Glasgow, and River John. Total grants for one year equal $59,300. Stellarton Library, in cooperation with the Town and Youth Centre, was also successful in their CAP application. Over the next few months increased technology and training will be available to the community. With Pictou, this is the fifth official CAP site. Through funding by HRDC, three six month Internet Youth Trainers will be hired for New Glasgow, Stellarton and Trenton.

With the assistance of the Pictou Regional Development Commission and the HRDC, the regional library received $60,000 for a two year period to hire a CAP Co-ordinator for the County beginning in April, 2000. The co-ordination of the CAP program over the last few years has been done by existing library staff. The addition of this grant will allow us to assist the CAP sites in more ways.

Rural Access to Library Services
Two pilots for Library Access Computers (Information Express), the Maryvale CAP Site and the Pictou Island Community Centre have received two workstations expressly for use with library and information searching. A trainer has been employed for 14 weeks to conduct volunteer and community training. Funds have been provided by the Technology and Science Secretariat (TSS). A Project page will be on-line soon at www.parl.ns.ca/ruralaccess.

Adopt-A-Library Literacy Project
A unique project has begun in the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library System spearheaded by Const. John Kennedy of the Stellarton RCMP. The Adopt-A-Library Literacy Program partners the library with the RCMP and other policing services. The focus of the program is to assist the yearly summer reading program for children with library books and prizes through fundraising and donations. At present there are many businesses, stores and other groups actively donating money and prizes including Scholastic Canada which donated over $20,000 of books, videos and other related material to support this program. The Trenton Library recently received $1000 from Trenton works via the Trenton Town Police.

Photograph Collection
The New Glasgow Library recently received a collection of old photographs donated by Mrs. Cliff MacPherson. The collection includes a variety of pictures from around Pictou County. Shortly after the donation, Michelin Tire Company was inquiring at the library as to whether we had old photographs of the turn of the nineteenth century for a calendar they were producing. A meeting was arranged for two staff from Michelin to come and browse through the photographs and as a result a number were chosen. Copies were made and will now appear in the calendar with recognition being given to the library and Mrs. MacPherson. The National Film Board is also using the collection for a film they are producing. Library staff are now in the process of preserving the photos and preparing them for indexing.

Western Counties Regional Library (WCRL)

In early January over 40 letters were mailed to the unions requesting donations for the campaign in memory of

David Glover, former staff member, and former president of CUPE local 2530. The South West Nova District Labour Council responded with a donation of $1,000 and CUPE local 2530 recently donated $1,500. All donations will be used purchase large print books in memory of David. The initiative to approach the unions was undertaken by HQ clerk Cathy Entremont.

Brenda Buchanan from Shelburne was the winner of the Cozy Reading Corner. The draw took place at Roger's Furniture, sponsor of the fundraiser, on Valentine's Day. A total of $2,847 was raised. Part of WCRL's fundraising plans this year included a "Cozy Reading Corner" promotion, sponsored by Rogers Furniture, and the prize was a romantic "book nook".

A Winner for the Cozy Reading Corner!!
(Left to right) **Tony White** and **David Jeffery**, employees of Roger's Furniture, make the draw on Valentine's Day.

The **Cozy Reading Corner** consists of : One La-Z-Boy chair, a 5x8 area rug, book case, books, magazine rack/table, brass reading lamp, afghan, and various knick-knacks.

Braille Day A Success
The library in cooperation with the CNIB celebrated Braille Day with an Open House at the Yarmouth branch library on February 9. The event featured Braille demonstrations, an exhibit of large print books, a Zoom Text computer, a short film on Louis Braille, and attracted over 50 people to the library.

Elizabeth Thibedeau, far left, demonstrates Braille Typing.

Braille Day provided an opportunity to highlight the services available through both organizations. Keith Dillman from the CNIB was the guest speaker. Helen Sweeney, right, checks out the Zoom Text.

COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAM (CAP) NEWS

The past year has been a busy one for the Community Access Program (CAP) in Nova Scotia, starting off with the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Federal Government and the Province of Nova Scotia. This Agreement cements our Province's long time support of CAP, and gives the Technology & Science Secretariat (TSS) the role of co-ordinating and supporting the program here. Since February there have been forty new sites established and five of these sites are in libraries across the Province. Musquodoboit Harbour Public Library and the Centre by the Sea in Jeddore is the first site opened since the signing of the Agreement.

(Left to right) Councillor Steven Streatch; David Mulcaster, Industry Canada; Jane Purves, Minister of Technology & Science and the Minister of Education; Bill Dooks, local MLA; Councillor Robert Harvey (HRL Board Chair).

(Left to right) Councillor Robert Harvey; Ross Finlay, CAP Committee Member and local business owner; Elaine Murray, Branch Manager of the Musquodoboit Harbour Public Library; Peter Stoffer, MP for Sackville--Musquodoboit Valley--Eastern Shore; Madge Cyr, CAP Committee member, and Pat Roberts.

CAP Program co-ordinators: front row (left to right) Linda Fougere, Victor Mutch, Nancy Rowe, Cynthia Page, Tom Wilson; back row (left to right) David Murdoch, Hubert Legge, Gail Whalen, and Paul Hopper.

Community clusters for CAP development are beginning to form in Halifax Regional Municipality. Chebucto Community Net, is the facilitating agency for 30 new sites in Metro. In each of the 11 community clusters, the local library branch will play a key role. Groups in Sackville, Dartmouth North and Halifax North have dedicated much time to developing strong proposals and look forward to receiving funding.

CAP has also been supporting a concept called Regional Working Groups (RWG). They include representation of individual CAP sites and various local partners - for example, the local school board, regional library and regional development agency. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum for communication between CAP communities and local partners.

A series of 8 CAP development projects are being funded by Industry Canada, Human Resource Development Canada and the Technology & Science Secretariat. These projects build on themes of community capacity building, network development and information and resource sharing. Several of these project involve CAP sites in libraries, such as community capacity projects at the CAP sites located in the Halifax North Memorial Public Library and the River John Public Library and the Western Health Information Project at Western Counties Regional Library. Last but certainly not least, is a project through the Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library called Information Express @ CAP. The project will provide access to the library's web-based catalog, several full-text databases, Internet search engines and prominent links to various Federal and Provincial Government information sites through a series of dedicated terminals in CAP sites.

And finally, a very successful CAP conference was held in November 1999 for CAP sites and partners in the Strait and Cape Breton Island. It was a great opportunity for sites in this area to share information and resources. A similar conference will be held in Cornwallis March 31- April 1, 2000 for communities in the western end of the province. Partners in this region are welcome to attend.

What's currently on the 'to-do' list for CAP in Nova Scotia? Plans are under way for yet another CAP youth employment project. Last year 200 young people were hired to work out of CAP sites across the province. This year there are plans to give even more youth the opportunity to practice their IT related skills.

CAP staff at TSS look forward to the next round of proposals and working with more communities on their community access goals. The next deadline for CAP in Nova Scotia will be in mid-May. All proposals must be post marked by this time and sent to the Technology & Science Secretariat. TSS staff Bernie Hart and Karen Parusel are the lucky ones working with CAP and inquiries can be directed to them. Contact Karen Parusel at tel: (902) 424-1723, fax: (902) 424- 0129 or email: paruseki@gov.ns.ca.

WEB AWARENESS MEETING

The Council of Regional Librarians and the Nova Scotia Provincial Library hosted a session on web awareness with Jan d'Arcy of the Media Awareness Network on February 21. The purpose of the day was to learn about what the Network is doing in the area of web awareness education, and to discuss the possibility of developing a project in Nova Scotia. Thirty five people attended, including representatives from Nova Scotia Regional Libraries, Nova Scotia Library Association, Nova Scotia Teachers Union, Nova Scotia Federation of Home and School Associations, Nova Scotia Community College, Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission, Nova Scotia Department of Education, Halifax Library Association, Chebucto Community Net, Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia (LBANS), Canadian Library Association (CLA), and teacher librarians from the Halifax Regional School Board.

Jan d'Arcy presented an overview of the history of the Media Awareness Network at www.media-awareness.ca and, in particular, their recent work on web awareness at www.webawareness.org. The Network and public libraries in Ontario partnered last fall during Ontario Library Week on a project called Web Awareness '99: Knowing the issues. In the afternoon, two simultaneous smaller group sessions were held, one with people from the library sector, led by Lorraine McQueen, and one with people from the education sector, led by Glane Gorveatt. A successful beginning to discussions and activities on this important issue in the province is underway. For more information, please contact Michael Colborne, Nova Scotia Provincial Library, (902) 424-4852, or colbormb@gov.ns.ca

COPYRIGHT NEWS

Public notices outlining the terms of the CANCOPY license signed by Nova Scotia Regional Libraries have been delivered to all regional libraries. These should assist library staff in answering questions from library users on this difficult subject. A new book on copyright issues in libraries, Copyright guide for Canadian libraries, by Wanda Noel, has been published by the Canadian Library Association, which has a copyright page at http://www.cla.ca/resources/copyrigt.htm. The guide, available from CLA, is a useful addition to branch library collections. Visit the CLA page at http://www.cla.ca/top/Contact.htm. (Nova Scotia Provincial Library now has a lending copy - see Professional Reading column below).

TRENDS IN HUMANITIES COMPUTING

The Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies collaborated with other Dalhousie units in offering a two day workshop with public lectures February 11-12. The keynote lectures were given by Dr. David Seaman, Founding Director of the University of Virginia Electronic Text Center, and Dr. David Jaffee, Department of History, City University of New York. They demonstrated through examples of their own work how faculty and students in the humanities can enhance teaching and learning on the World Wide Web. There are also new research opportunities in areas which have traditionally concentrated on rare or out of print primary materials.

Having the new technologies at their disposal means including software tools such as Standard Generalized Markup Language or SGML (an international standard for the description of encoded or marked-up electronic text) and Cascading Style Sheets, also used for marking up electronic text, to the usual repertoire of teaching tools.

To get a good sense of the kinds of enriched multimedia projects that the University of Virginia Electronic Text Center is doing, visit http://etext.lib.virginia.edu and visit a couple of the links such as http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/utc/ and http://etext.lib.virginia.edu/twain/huckfinn.html.

Interesting websites shown by Dr. Jaffee as examples of web assignments used with his students are at http://web.uvic.ca/history-robinson and http://jefferson.village.virginia.edu/vshadow2/contents.html.

The Electronic Text Centre (ETC) is a new project of the Dalhousie Electronic Text Working Group, with participation from Dalhousie's Killam Library, the School of Library and Information Studies, the Department of English, and Academic Computing Services. Dalhousie faculty members Ronald Tetreault of English and John Barnstead of Russian Studies demonstrated how they have worked with the Centre to further their research. Visit the website at http://is.dal.ca/~etc/main.html and select Holdings to view their projects. Vivian Hannon and Oriel MacLennan discussed the goals of the ETC, which include expansion of the number of e-texts available and provision of educational resources for the creation of e-texts. A Digital Text Archive will be developed to comprise primary sources in a variety of disciplines, selected scholarly publications, and other university materials. Search capability will be added as the number of holdings increases.

NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Government Libraries Consolidated Catalogue Update

All current holdings of the Department of Education are now searchable in the Government Libraries Consolidated Catalogue. Testing has been completed on the file from the Department of Environment. The total file will be uploaded into the Catalogue shortly. Testing of records from the Department of Economic Development and the Department of Community Services is currently underway. Conversion and testing of Nova Scan records, geoscience material from the Department of Natural Resources, is completed and final preparations are being made for loading all current holdings of the Department of Natural Resources catalogue into the Government Libraries Consolidated Catalogue.

Training Notes

Michael Vandenburg offered an *Advanced HTML* workshop on February 11 to staff from regional libraries, LRT (Learning Resources and Technology) and Nova Scotia Provincial Library. This included a discussion on the relative merits and dismerits of building code by hand vs. using html editors. Attendees also got hands on experience creating webpages with javascripts for mouseovers and using cgi-scripts to process form content. For those who were not able to attend the session, the handouts and files are available electronically by request.

Bernadette Kennedy gave a two part DB/Textwork workshop this week with assistance from David Barteaux. Gillian Webster offered a *Search Engines* workshop on both February 18 and 28 to staff from regional libraries, LRT and Nova Scotia Provincial Library.

On-site MultiLIS circulation training took place at the South Shore Regional Library during the weeks of

February 14 and February 21. The circulation module is the largest of the MultiLIS modules, and the process of moving from manual to automated circulation is staff and time intensive. South Shore Regional Library staff have benefitted from having developed streamlined circulation policies. Preparations are underway to equip the South Shore Regional Library bookmobiles with laptop computers and cellular technology so that on-line circulation will be available at these locations as well as at the fixed branch library locations. On-line circulation began at the South Shore Regional Library February 28.

HOT TIPS & UPDATES

Information Power videoconference

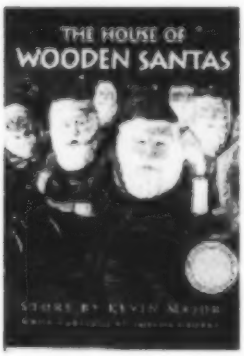
What are the challenges facing library staff in this new millennium? Where does the library fit in this new culture and how best to take advantage of its changing role. On March 24, 2000 the Nova Scotia Provincial Library is pleased to provide viewing of the videoconference entitled, Information Power: What is it, How to know it when you see it, How to use it in your library. The videoconference will feature a panel of library assistants who will give their perspectives on the future of the library and the changing role of the library assistant.

Date: Friday, March 24, 2000, from 1pm to 2:45pm
Place: Nova Scotia Provincial Library (Classroom), 3770 Kempt Road, Halifax
Registration will be on a first come first serve basis, to a maximum of 50 people and admission is free. Please respond to Bernadette Kennedy by phone (424-3791) or email kennedba@gov.ns.ca by March 17, 2000.

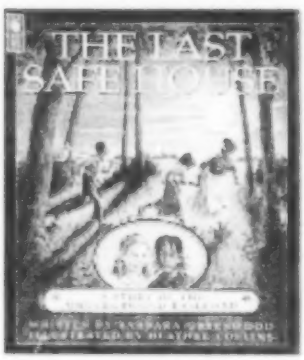
National Library News

For those of you who participated in Roch Carrier's tour of Nova Scotia libraries last year, you may be interested to read the summary *From Sea to Sea... to Sea* about his visits to Canadian libraries. It appears, along with a number of graphics, in the National Library News, January/February 2000 issue, which can be viewed at http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/pubs/nl-news/2000/jan2000e/3201-15e.htm. Mr. Carrier emphasizes in this article that he welcomes any thoughts you may have on the National Library's role and you can contact him at roch.carrier@nlc-bnc.ca.

Hackmatack Finalists on the Web



In this issue, the fiction title is *The House of Wooden Santas* by Kevin Major (Reading Level: Grade 4; Interest level all ages), and the non-fiction title is *The Last Safe House: A Story of the Underground Railway* by Barbara Greenwood (Reading Level: Grade 4; Interest level 3 to 8).



The Hackmatack Children's Choice Book Award is an Atlantic Canadian book award that allows children to choose their favourite Canadian and Atlantic Canadian books. In the December/January issue, we featured the fifth article about the 1999-2000 Fiction Shortlist and the 1999-2000 Non-Fiction Shortlist. Visit the Hackmatack page and read the book descriptions at or at visit the website at http://www.hackmatack.ca/books.html.

REFERENCE ON THE NET

More reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries which were answered from resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like biographical information on two writers, Judy McCrosky of Saskatchewan and Deirdre Kessler from Prince Edward Island.

A. At the Internet site of The Writers' Union of Canada at http://www.swifty.com/twuc. Click on Membership Pages and this will take you to an alphabetical listing of authors. Go to the "M" section and click on the link for Judy Berlyne McCrosky. Another place to search for information on this author is the Saskatchewan Writes! site at http://www.lights.com/saskwrites. Here you can browse through an alphabetical list of authors to locate the page for Judy McCrosky. The Literary Lobster: A Website About Children's Books and Writers from Prince Edward Island at http://www.isn.net/~rmaclean/ has an Author section where there is information about Deirdre Kessler.

Q. Would like information on two immigrant passenger ships, the "Encrease", a ship which brought settlers in the 1600's and the "Charming Molly", which brought them from 1750-1760.

A. Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet: Ships & Passenger Lists at http://www.CyndisList.com/ships.htm has a link to "Encrease, Youghal, Cork, 1679" at http://www.rootsweb.com/~irish/igsi_published/passlist/1679encr.htm. Cyndi's List also led to these other sites which have information on the Encrease and/or the Charming Molly: The Olive Tree Genealogy: Olive Tree's Ships' Passsenger Lists Index by Year http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/shipindx.htm.

Passenger Lists for Ships Sailing 1600-1699 http://www.rootsweb.com/~ote/ship_1600.htm.

American Plantations and Colonies Ship Index http://www.primenet.com/~langford/ships/shiplist.htm#Ship_Index.

Distant Cousin's Index to Ships Passengers Lists on the Net http://distantcousin.com/Links/ships.

Ships Bound for Nova Scotia Between 1750 and 1862 http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Meadows/8429/

The Ships List Searchable Archives http://www.chignecto.net/TheShipsList.

Previous "Reference on the Net" columns can be found in a file on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/refser.html.

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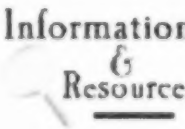


February's issue of The Disseminator is a good place to highlight Internet sites which are useful to those providing library services to the visually impaired since Braille Day was marked for the first time in Canada on February 9th, 2000. There is a Web Site for Braille Day in Canada at http://www.brailleday.starcs.on.ca. In addition, White Cane Week was February 6-12.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind site at http://www.cnib.ca/ has a large print format and the "Accessibility Tips" link at the top right side of the page gives information on how to change the font

and page colours to make it even easier to view. There is information on the full range of CNIB services including Library Services which can be found in "C N I B Core Services and Programs". Here there is a description of the collection which is available to registered CNIB Library users. The "What's New" section has information on the latest additions to this collection and Britannica Online which is now available to CNIB clients for use with screen reading software. In the VISUNET:CANADA section, VISUCAT at http://www.cnib.ca/library/visunet/visucat.htm, the C N I B Library's online catalogue can be searched and there is information on VISUNEWS which is a project in the process of development that will provide access to major French and English Canadian newspapers in full-text format over the web.

Another component is VISUTEXT which provides full-text access to 1,300 electronic books made available by the CNIB as well as a vast number of electronic and digital media materials on the Internet. The Community Services section has information on how libraries can purchase or borrow materials from the CNIB Library and links to other organizations providing related services. The Publications section has information on WORDSWorthy and Kidsworthy, CNIB's two newsletters.

The National Library for the Blind UK web site at http://www.nlbuk.org/ has lots of information for visually impaired users in very large print format. It is designed for use with speech synthesis software, screen magnification or Braille display devices. The library catalogue is not yet available for searching on the web. Until it is available, sections of it can be downloaded separately for viewing at http://www.nlbuk.org/opac/index.html. Registered CNIB Library users can borrow from this collection through a special agreement. The site has the downloadable texts of several books as part of a pilot project.

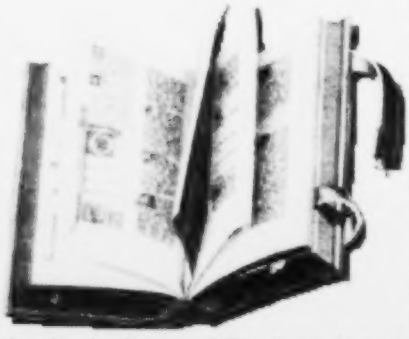
The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress http://lcweb.loc.gov/nls/nls.html is a source of lots of useful information for those providing library services to the visually impaired. The Braille and Audio Catalog of more than 250,000 special format books can be searched at http://www.loc.gov/nls/web-blnd/bph.html. Materials listed here can be borrowed by foreign libraries and agencies serving blind and physically handicapped individuals through international interlibrary loan. There is a Braille Book Review on the site at http://www.loc.gov/nls/bbr/bbr.html as well as Talking Book Topics, a newsletter at http://www.loc.gov/nls/tbt/tbt.html. The Catalogs and Bibliographies section at http://www.loc.gov/nls/catalogs/catalogs.html has listings of more braille books and talking books and materials for Younger Readers as well as bibliographies of Classics, Pioneer and Frontier Stories and Science Fiction and Fantasy.

There is a listing of Magazines in Special Media 1998 at ftp://ftp.loc.gov/pub/nls/reference/directories/mags98.txt which includes braille, cassette, computer diskette, flexible audio disc, electronic access, large print, and Moon type. The Information and Resources section has Factsheets, Directories, information on topics such as accessibility, assistive technology, and disability awareness and Focus on Electronic Information a monthly bulletin from NLS providing information on full-text Internet resources. A new development is Web-Braille, a system which provides access to more than 2,700 electronic braille books with a computer and a refreshable braille display or a braille embosser. Web-Braille is available only to eligible users who are residents of the U.S. or American citizens living abroad.

Information on the Nova Scotia Provincial Library's services to people with a print-handicap is at http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/print_hc.html. Alternatively, contact Arlene Watts at tel:424-4547 or Ann Dunsworth at 424-2473.

Previous "Linked" columns can be found in a file on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.library.ns.ca/provlib/brochure/refser.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

PROFESSIONAL READING



In this month's column, two recent additions to the professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed from the Provincial Library Professional Collection through the regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

Noel, Wanda. Copyright guide for Canadian libraries. Ottawa: Canadian Library Association,1999. (Call # Prof 346 .7104 Noe)

This guide provides library staff with basic copyright information. It sets out who is protected by copyright, what is protected, and for how long. It describes the rights which copyright provides to creators and the limitations placed on those rights for the benefit of libraries and library patrons. It also includes a separate chapter on "Frequently Asked Questions."

Strohl, Bonnie. Collection evaluation techniques: a short, selective, practical, current, annotated bibliography 1990 - 1998 / American Library Association, Reference and User Services Association, Collection Development and Evaluation Section, Collection Evaluation Techniques Committee. Chicago: American Library Association, 1999. (Call # Prof 025 .2 Str)

This bibliography represents the work of the Collection Evaluation Techniques Committee, Collection Development and Evaluation Section (CODES), Reference and User Services Association, over a period of four years to update RASD (now RUSA) Occasional paper number 10. Over two years, the initial approach was to do literature searches on evaluative techniques for specific topics. The second approach was an exhaustive search of Library Literature, LISA, and ERIC for all articles on collection evaluation techniques. The result is a comprehensive bibliography of 110 references.